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In re Patent Application of

BRANCACCIO et al.

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FOR: MELUSIN, A MUSCLE SPECIFIC PROTEIN, AS A DRUG TARGET FOR
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF HEAR FAILURE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

December 18, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2006, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-5.

Remarks begin on page 6.

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment	28	minus highest number	
previously paid for	39	(at least 20) =	0 x \$50.00
			\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment	1	minus highest number	
previously paid for	9	(at least 3) =	0 x \$200.00
			\$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add
\$360.00 (1203)/\$180.00 (2203) \$

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this
paper and attachment(s)

One Month Extension	\$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251)
Two Month Extensions	\$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252)
Three Month Extensions	\$1020.00 (1253)/\$510.00 (2253)
Four Month Extensions	\$1590.00 (1254)/\$795.00 (2254)
Five Month Extensions	\$2160.00 (1255)/\$1080.00 (2255) \$ 60.00

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add
\$130.00 (1814)/ \$65.00 (2814) \$

Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee	\$180.00 (1806)	\$ 0.00
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Assignment Recording Fee	\$40.00 (8021)	\$ 0.00
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Other:		\$ 0.00
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TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 60.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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